

Lease for a year from Mr. Edwin Belke
to Sir John Gonson K^t. and others.
of Ten Acres of Fresh Marsh Land
in Romney Marsh.

Dated 25. October 1734.

This Indenture made the Twine and
Twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand
seven hundred and thirty four and in the Eighth year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of great
Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Between
Edwin Belke of Chilham in the County of Kent Gent. of the one
part and Sir John Gonson of the Inner Temple London Knight the
Reverend John Donne Doctor in Divinity Archdeacon of Rochester and
Rector of S^t. Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry William Tillard
of Spittle Square in the Liberty of Norton Folgate in the County of
Middlesex Esq. Benjamin Hoare of Fleet Street London Esquire and
Henry Newman of the Middle Temple Lond^r. Gent. of the other part
Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Five
Shillings of Lawfull money of Great Britain to the said Edwin Belke
in hand paid by the said Sir John Gonson John Donne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman at or before the making
and delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof the said Edwin Belke
doth hereby acknowledge he the said Edwin Belke hath Bargained
and sold and by these Presents doth bargain and sell unto the said
Sir John Gonson John Donne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare
and Henry Newman their Exors Adm^r. and Assigns All that piece
or parcel of Fresh marsh Land containing by estimation Ten acres
more or less with the appurtenances lying and being in the parish of
Newchurch in Romney Marsh in the County of Kent now or late in
the Tenure or occupation of Edward Anderson Esquire or his Assigns
and heretofore in the Tenure or occupation of James Pendergast or his
Assigns bounding and buttling to the Kings highway there leading from
Gammons Farm to Newchurch towards the South to a piece of Land
now or late of Thomas Hodges Gent. called Broadwater containing
Twenty acres more or less towards the East and to the Land now or late of

heretofore of Mark Thomas Gent. towards the North or
howsoever otherwise the said piece or parcel of Fresh marsh
Land doth bound or abutt or is described or known and all ways
paths passages Easements Waters Watercourses Commons Common
of Pasture Timber Trees and other Trees hedges Ditches privileges
Advantages Emoluments Accididaments rights members and
appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece or parcel of Fresh
Marsh Land or any part or parcel thereof belonging or in any
wise appertaining or to or with the same now or heretofore used
occupied or enjoyed or accepted taken reputed or known as part parcel
or member thereof or of any part thereof And the Reversion and
Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and profits
of all & singular the Premises and of every part thereof To have
and to hold the said piece or parcel of Fresh marsh Land
and premises hereby bargained and sold or intended to be hereby
bargained & sold and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurte-
nances unto the said Sir John Genson John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman their Exors Admrs and
Assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these Presents
for and during and unto the full end and Term of one whole year
from thence next ensuing and fully to be completed and ended
Yielding and paying therefor unto the said Edwin
Belke his Heirs or Assigns the Rent of one pepper corn only on
the Feast Day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist now next
ensuing (if the same shall lawfully be demanded) To the intent
and purpose that by virtue of these Presents and by force of the Statute
for transferring of uses into possession the said Sir John Genson
John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry
Newman may be in the actual possession of the said piece or parcel
of fresh marsh Land & premises hereby bargained and sold or intended
to be hereby bargained & sold with their Appurtenances and be thereby
enabled to accept and take a Grant & Release of the Reversion and
Inheritance thereof to them and their heirs To the use of them the
said Sir John Genson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare &
Henry Newman their heirs and Assigns forever. In Witness
whereof the Parties first abovesigned have to these Presents Adventured
Interchangably set their hands & Seals the day & year first aboveswritten.

Sealed & Delivered (the Parchment being
first stamped with three Treasury stamps)
in the presence of Gibson Maydewell.
Geo. Sale. &c

Edwin Belke (L.S.)

26. October 1734.

Release from M. Edwin Belke
to Sir John Gonson Knt and others.
of Ten Acres of fresh marsh Land in
Romney Marsh.

This Indenture made the
Six and Twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty four and in the Eighth year
of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace
of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the
Faith &c. **Between** Edwin Belke of Feltham in the County
of Kent Son and heir of Edwin Belke late of Charing in the said
County Gent. deceased which said Edwin Belke deceased was with
Michael Belke the Elder his Brother (heir of Elizabeth Dia-
Widow deceased their sister of the one part and Sir John Gonson
of the Inner Temple London Knight the Reverend John Donne
Doctor in Divinity Archdeacon of Rochester and Rector of St Mary
Lambeth in the County of Surry William Tillard of Pittal Square
in the Liberty of Norton folgate in the County of Middlesex Esq.
Benjamin Hoare of Fleetstreet London Esquire and Henry Newman
of the Middle Temple London Gent. of the other part **Whereas**
the said Edwin Belke is minded and hath determined to convey the
Fresh Marsh Land hereinafter mentioned with the Appurtenances
to the said Sir John Gonson John Donne William Tillard Benjamin
Hoare and Henry Newman and their heirs and to settle the same
in Trust for such uses intents and purposes as he the said Edwin
Belke shall declare and appoint in manner as hereinafter is
mentioned **Now this Indenture Witnesseth**
That the said Edwin Belke for diverse good Causes and Considerations
him thereunto moving and also for and in Consideration of the sum
of Five shillings of Lawfull money of Great Britain to him in hand
paid by the said Sir John Gonson John Donne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman at or before the enrolling and
delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof the said Edwin Belke
doth hereby acknowledge **Hath** Granted Bargained sold aliened
remised released ratified confirmed and for ever quit claimed And
by

by these Presents Doth Grant Bargain Sell alien, remise
release ratify confirm and forever quit claim unto the said Sir
John Gerson John Donne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare
and Henry Newman (in their actual possession now being by
virtue of a bargain and sale to them thereof made by the said Edwin
Belke for one year in Consideration of Five Shillings of lawfull
Money of Great Britain by Indenture bearing date the day next before
the day of the date of these presents and made or mentioned to be
made between the said Edwin Belke of the one part and the said
Sir John Gerson John Donne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare
and Henry Newman of the other part and sealed and executed
before the sealing and executing of these Presents and by force of
the Statute for transferring uses into possession) and to their heirs
All that piece or parcels of fresh marsh land containing by
estimation Ten acres more or less with the Appurtenances lying
and being in the parish of Newchurch in Romney Marsh in the
County of Kent now or late in the Tenure of Occupation of Edward
Andrew Graxier or his Assigns and heretofore in the Tenure or
Occupation of James Hainsley or his Assigns bounding and abutting
to the North highway there leading from Gammons farm to Newchurch
towards the South to a piece of Land now or late of Thomas Hodges
Gent. called Broadwater containing Twenty acres more or less
towards the East and to the Lands now or heretofore of Mark
Thomas Gent. towards the North or howsoever otherwise the
said piece or parcels of fresh Marsh Land doth bound or abutt is
described or known And all ways paths passages easements waters
watercourses commons common of Pasture Timber Trees and other
Tree hedges ditches privileges advantages emoluments heredita-
ments rights Members and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said
piece or parcel of Fresh marsh Land or any part or parcel thereof
belonging or in any wise appertaining or to or with the same now or
heretofore used occupied or enjoyed or accepted taken reputed or known
as part parcel or member thereof or of any part thereof and the
Reversion & Reversions Remainder and Remainders Reverts Issues
and Profits of sale and singular the premises and of every part
thereof And also all the Estate right title Interest Trust Term and
Terms of years property claim and demand whatsoever in Law
or

or Equity of him the said Edwin Belke of in to or out of the said
Marsh Land and Premises and every or any part thereof together
with all Deeds Writings Evidences and Muniments whatsoever
concerning the same premises or any part thereof within the Custody
or power of the said Edwin Belke or which hereafter come by without
suit in Law. **To have and to hold** the said piece
or parcel of fresh marsh Land and premises hereby granted &
Released or meant mentioned or intended to be hereby granted and
Released and every part thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances
unto the said Sir John Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin
Hoare and Henry Newman their heirs and Assigns To the use and
behov of them the said Sir John Gonson John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman their heirs and Assigns for
ever **In Trust** nevertheless that they the said Sir John
Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry
Newman or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the heirs or Assigns
of such Survivor do and shall apply and dispose of the Rents and
Profits of the said piece or parcel of Fresh marsh Land & premises
or of the money arising by sale thereof in case they shall think fit
to sell the same to and for such Uses Intents and purposes as he
the said Edwin Belke in and by one Indenture bearing date or
intended to bear date the Eight and Twentieth day of this instant
October and shew unto the said parties to these presents are intended
to be made parties shall declare direct limit and appoint and for
want of such Declaration Limitation or appointment **In Trust**
for the said Edwin Belke his Heirs Executors and Assigns and
to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever **And** the
said Edwin Belke for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators
Doth Covenant Promise and Grant to and with the said Sir John
Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry
Newman their heirs and Assigns and to and with every of them by
these Presents in manner and form following (that is to say) That
for and notwithstanding any act matter or thing whatsoever had made
done or suffered by him the said Edwin Belke he the said Edwin Belke
now is & standeth lawfully seized of and to in the said piece or parcel
of fresh marsh Land and Premises with their Appurtenances of a
good sure absolute and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in fee simple
in

in possession without any manner of condition of Power of Revocation
Reversion Remainder Limitation of years or uses or any other
matter restraint or thing whatsoever in any other person or persons
whomsoever to alter change charge or determine the same And
that for and notwithstanding any such act matter or thing as
aforesaid the said Edwin Belke hath in himself good right
full Power and lawful Authority to grant and convey the said
Premises and every part thereof with their and every of their Appurten-
ances unto and to the use of the said Sir John Gonson John Denne
William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman
their Heirs and Assigns in manner and form aforesaid And
Further that for and notwithstanding any such act
matter or thing as aforesaid they the said Sir John Gonson John
Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman
their Heirs and Assigns shall and may henceforth peaceably and
quietly have hold and enjoy the said piece or parcel of fresh marsh
Land and Premises and every part thereof with the Appurtenances
and receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof without
any Lett Suit Trouble denial Eviction or Interruption of or by him
the said Edwin Belke or his Heirs or any other person or persons
whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim from by or under him
or them, and that free and clear and fully and clearly acquitted ex-
onerated and discharged or otherwise by the said Edwin Belke his
Heirs Executors or Administrators saved harmless and indemnified of
and from all former and other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Mort-
gages Leases Jointures Dowers Wills Entails Judgments Recognizances
Executions Rents Arrears of Rent and all other Titles charges and
Incumbrances whatsoever had made acknowledged suffered or executed
by him the said Edwin Belke or any Lawfully claiming or to claim
by from or under him or by his or their or any of their Act means
default consent or procurement) the Rents and Services which shall
from henceforth grow due and payable to the chief Lord or Lords of
the Fee or Fees of the said Granted and Released premises only
excepted and forgiven And **Lastly** that he the said Edwin
Belke and his Heirs and all and every other Person and persons
whatsoever who shall or may at any time hereafter have or lawfully
claim

claim any Estate right Title Interest claim or demand of in or out of
of the said piece or parcel of Fresh marsh Land and premises or any
part thereof by from or under him the said Edwin Belke shall & will
from time to time & at all times hereafter during the space of Ten
Years now next ensuing at the reasonable request & at the proper Costs
and Charges in the Law of the said Sir John Gerson John Donne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman their Heirs & Assigns
make do acknowledge levy execute & suffer & cause to be made done
acknowledged levied executed and suffered all such further and other
Lawful & reasonable Act and Acts thing and things Deeds and Devises
Conveyances & assurances in the Law whatsoever for the further and
better assuring & conveying of the said Premises & every part thereof with
their appurtenances unto the said Sir John Gerson John Donne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their Heirs & Assigns be it
by Fine or Fines Recovery or Recoveries Deeds or Deeds Enrolled or not
Enrolled the Enrolment of these Presents Release or Confirmation or by
all or any or as many other ways and means as by the said Sir John Gerson
John Donne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their
Heirs or Assigns or their Counsel learned in the Law shall or may be reasonably
Devised or advised and required so as for the doing thereof he they or any of
them be not compelled or compellable to Travel above the space of Five
Miles from his or their respective place or places of abode and so as such
further Assurance contain no further or other Covenant or Warranties
than against the person or persons and his and their Act and Acts doing
the same which Fine or Fines Recovery and Recoveries & other assurances
so or in any other manner to be made done levied executed & suffered of
the said Premises hereby granted or any part thereof shall be & enure
& shall be judged deemed & taken to be and enure & is & are hereby
declared by all the said Parties to these presents to be and Enure to
the only use & behoof of the said Sir John Gerson John Donne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their Heirs & Assigns &
for the Ennoblement of the Estate hereby made or intended to be made &
to & for no other use Intent or purpose whatsoever In Witnes
whereof the Parties first abovesigned have to these Presents Interchange-
ably Set their hands and Seals the day and year first abovesigned.

Sealed and delivered (the parchment
being first stamped wth three six penny stamps)
in the Presence of
Gipson Maydwell.
Geo. Sale.

Edwin Belke

28. October 1734.

Deed of Trust of M^r Edwin Belke's
Charity.

This Indenture made the eight & twentieth Day
of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & thirty four
and in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second
by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender
of the Faith &c. *Between* Edwin Belke of Philham in the County
of Kent Gentleman of the one part and Sir John Ganson of the Inner Temple
Knight the Reverend John Denne Doctor in Divinity Archdeacon of
Rochester & Rector of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry
William Tillard of Spital Square in the Liberty of Norton Folgate
in the County of Middlesex Esquire Benjamin Hoare of Fleetstreet
London Esquire and Henry Newman of the Middle Temple
London Gentleman of the other part Whereas by Indentures
of Lease & Release bearing Date respectively the five & twentieth and
six & twentieth Days of this Instant Month of October & made or mentioned
to be made between the said Edwin Belke of the one part & the said
Sir John Ganson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and
Henry Newman of the other part He the said Edwin Belke for the
Considerations in the said Indenture of Release mentioned did convey
and assure unto the said Sir John Ganson John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman & their Heirs *All that piece*
or parcel of Fresh Marsh Land containing by Estimation Ten Acres
more or less with the Appurtenances lying & being in the Parish of
Newchurch in Romney Marsh in the County of Kent now or late in the
Tenure or Occupation of Edward Andrews Grasier or his Assigns and
heretofore in the Tenure or Occupation of James Kausley or his Assigns
bounding & abutting to the Kings Highway there leading from Gammons
Farm to Newchurch towards the South to a piece of Land now or late
of Thomas Hodges Gent. called Broadwater containing Twenty Acres more or less
towards the East & Lands now or heretofore of Mark Thomas Gent.
towards the North or howsoever otherwise the said piece or parcel
of Fresh Marsh Land doth bound or abutt is described or known
And all Ways Paths Passages Easements Waters Watercourses
Commons

Commons Common of Pasture Timber Trees & other Trees Hedges Ditches &
Privileges Advantages Emoluments Hereditaments Rights Members &
appurtenances whatsoever to the said piece or parcel of Fresh Marsh Land
or any part or parcels thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining
To hold the same unto the said Sir John Gonsen John Donne
William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their Heirs &
Assigns To the use of them their Heirs & Assigns for ever UPON
Trust that they the said Sir John Gonsen John Donne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman or the Survivors or Survivor
of them or the Heirs or Assigns of such Survivor should apply and
dispose of the Rents & Profits of the said piece or parcel of Fresh
Marsh Land & premises or of the money arising by Sale thereof in
Case they should think fit to sell the same to & for such uses Intents
& purposes as the said Edwin Belke in & by one Indenture bearing
Date or intended to bear Date the Twenty eighth Day of the same Month
of Oct. should declare direct limit & appoint & for want of such
Declaration Direction Limitation or appointment In Trust for
the said Edwin Belke his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns as by the
said in part recited Indentures of Lease & Release Relation being there
unto respectively had may more fully & at large appear AND
Whereas the said Edwin Belke hath before the Execution of these
Presents transferred unto the said Sir John Gonsen John Donne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman Seven Hundred & fifty
Pounds in South Sea Annuities And the said Edwin Belke hath also
before the Execution of these presents paid unto the said John Donne
William Tillard & Benjamin Hoare the sum of two hundred and
fifty pounds which last mentioned sum by the Direction of the said
Edwin Belke hath been by them laid out in the purchase of South
Sea Annuities in their own Names & the Annuities so purchased
there with have by the like Direction of the said Edwin Belke been
since transferred by them the said John Donne William Tillard &
Benjamin Hoare to the said Edwin Belke & by him again transferred
to them the said Sir John Gonsen John Donne William Tillard Benja
min Hoare & Henry Newman who have accepted of such Transfer
respectively And Whereas the said Edwin Belke hath like
wise before the Execution of these presents paid unto the said

Sir John

Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare &
Henry Newman the further sum of fifty pounds which by the Direction
of the said Edwin Belke hath also been by them laid out in the
purchase of South Sea Annuities in the Name of him the said Edwin
Belke & the Annuities so purchased therewith have been since trans-
ferred by him to the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William
Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman who have accepted
of such Transfer Now this Indenture witnesseth
that and it is hereby declared by & between all the said parties
to these presents that the said seven hundred & fifty pounds
Two hundred & fifty pounds & fifty pounds making together One
thousand & fifty pounds South Sea Annuities transferred to &
vested in the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman as aforesaid were so respectively
transferred to & vested in them AND the said Edwin Belke doth
hereby for himself his Executors & Administrators covenant &
promise & grant to & with the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne
John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
their Executors Administrators & Assigns that the same shall remain
continue & be vested in them the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne
William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their Executors
& Administrators IN TRUST to be by them applied & disposed
of to the several Uses Intents & purposes hereinafter mentioned and
declared AND the said Edwin Belke doth by these presents direct
& appoint that so soon as a convenient purchase offers the said Sir John
Gonsen John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators
of such Survivor do sell the said South Sea Annuities & lay out & dispose
of the Produce thereof & also the Money arising by Sale of the said
Ten Acres of Fresh Marsh Land in case they shall think fit to sell
the same in the purchase of Freehold Lands to be vested in the said
Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare and
Henry Newman or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the
Heirs & Assigns of such Survivor on the several Trusts &c & for
the several Uses Intents & purposes hereinafter mentioned and
that the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Tillard

Benjamin

Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman and the survivors and survivor
of them & the Heirs and Assigns of such survivor do & shall out of the
Rents & Profits of the Lands so to be purchased & in the mean time
& untill such purchase be made out of the Rents & profits of the
said fresh Marsh Land untill the same be sold & after the same
shall be sold out of the Interest of the money arising by sale thereof
and also out of the produce of the said South Sea Annuities & the
Interest thereof In the first place pay unto the said Edwin Belke
or his Assigns One Annuity or Yearly Sum of forty Pounds of Lawfull
Money of Great Britain for & during the term of his natural Life
clear of all Taxes & Deductions whatsoever by equal Quarterly pay-
ments the first payment thereof to begin & be made on Saint Thomas's
day being the Twenty first day of December next ensuing the date
of these presents And from & after the Decease of the said Edwin Belke
pay unto Catherine Binks Wife of Andrew Binks of the parish of Saint
Giles in the fields in the County of Middlesex Gentleman One Annuity
or yearly sum of fifteen pounds of like Lawful money for and
during the Term of her Natural Life clear of all Taxes & Deductions
whosoever by equal Quarterly payments Subject nevertheless to the provisions
& Conditions hereinafter contained All in this further Trust that they
the said Sir John Gimson John Denne William Tiltard Benjamin
Hoare & Henry Newman during the continuance of the said several
Annuities & after the payment thereof do & shall lay out apply and
dispose of the Remainder of the Rents & profits of the Lands so to be
purchased as aforesaid & in the mean time & untill such purchase
be made of the Rents & profits of the said fresh Marsh Land untill the
same shall be sold & after the same shall be sold of the Interest of the
Money arising by such sale & also of the produce of the said South-
Sea Annuities & the Interest thereof & after the said Annuities shall
cease of the whole Rents Profits produce & Interest aforesaid in the buy-
ing of Bibles & New Testaments & other Religious & good Books as
they shall think fit in any Language written in a plain & easy stile &
particularly Bishop Gastrell's Christian Institutes untill such time
as that some other Book or Books of the same kind written in the same
or a better Method digested under proper Heads in words of the Holy Scrip-
tures shall be published which shall be approved of by a Majority of the
Managers of this Charity hereinafter appointed and by them judged
better

better adapted for Spiritual Instruction and Edification which said
Book or Books for the future being better digested than any before
extant as aforesaid together with the other Books shall be distributed
and given gratis for ever for the Benefit of all sorts & Ranks of People
who shall meet together as Societies for their Spiritual Benefit & Edification
in any part or parts of Great Britain or elsewhere AND to render the
Benefit of the aforesaid fund as extensive as may be the said Edwin
Belke doth hereby direct that such Religious & good Books be placed
by Degrees in all the Cities Towns & Villages & in the Hospitals & Work houses
of this Nation which shall think fit to accept & receive the same
To the end that they may be read in fit places at convenient times for
the Benefit of all people who will give Attendance & that the County of
Kent be first supplied therewith & next the County of Sussex & then
the County of Essex and in like manner taking one County on one side
& another on the other side till every County shall be supplied And also
that the said Books be renewed from time to time & as often as there
shall be occasion AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby also
further direct that no excellent Book be withheld from such Societies
who meet together for their Spiritual good & that necessary Books &
particularly Bibles & Testaments may likewise be given to poor
people to read at home & in private and that such Books as shall
be judged proper be also sent to the East or West Indies or any other
Country or Nation whatsoever & particularly to the English settled
at Stockholm in the Kingdom of Sweden & to the Swedes in Sweden
& also to those settled in London in their own Language if judged fit
AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby further direct & appoint
that the Management of the said Charity be in the Voluntary Society for the
time being called or known by the Name of The Society for promoting
Christian Knowledge now meeting in Bartlett's Buildings Holborn (of which
Society the said Sir John Gonsal John Deane William Fildard & Benjamin
Hoare are Members the said John Deane William Fildard & Benjamin
Hoare being also the present Treasurers of the said Society & the said
Henry Newman is the present Secretary thereof) and that the said Society
do direct what Books shall be bought with the produce & profits of the
said fund & where the same shall be placed or to whom the same
shall be given & that the said Trustees do follow the Directions of the
said Society therein Excepting only in every such matter or particular
as he

as he the said Edwin Belke hath thought fit herein to direct & appoint
all which Directions the said Society are hereby obliged to comply with &
faithfully to put in Practice And in case the said Society for Promoting
Christian Knowledge shall happen to be dissolved or cease to act as a Society
then & in such case the said Edwin Belke doth hereby direct & appoint
that the management of the said Charity shall be in the Rector or Minister
of Saint Andrews Holborn in the County of Middlesex the Vicar or
Minister of Saint Martin in the fields in the said County the Rector
or Minister of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry the Rector
or Minister of Saint Mary le Bow London the Vicar or Minister of Saint
Giles Cripplegate London the Rector or Minister of Saint Clement
Danes in the County of Middlesex the Rector or Minister of Saint
Botolph Bishopsgate London the Vicar or Minister of Saint Sepulchre
London & the Vicar or Minister of Saint Bridges in Fleetstreet
London & in their & in every of their Successors for the time being
& that any five of them be a Quorum for that purpose And that
they do direct & determine all matters relating to the buying & dispos-
ing of the said Books herein mentioned & other good Books in the same
manner as the said Society are herein directed & appointed & used to do
AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby further direct & appoint that
when & so often as the Number of the said Trustees in whom the said
Trust Estate shall be vested shall be by Death reduced to three or
under then the said Estate shall by such proper Conveyances &
Assurances as by Council learned in the Law shall be advised be
from time to time conveyed to & resettled & vested in the Treasurers &
Secretary of the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for
the time being so long as they shall continue to meet & act as a Society
& in case they shall happen to be dissolved or cease to act Then the
said Trust Estate shall be conveyed to & settled & vested in the
Rectors & Vicars or Ministers of the said Nine Churches & to & in
their & every of their Successors for the time being on the several Trusts
herein before appointed & declared Provided always &
that the said Edwin Belke doth hereby declare his Intent and meaning
to be that the said Annuity of fifteen Pounds here in before limited
the said Catherine Kincks shall not be paid or payable to her

unless

better adapted for Spiritual Instruction and Edification which said
Book or Books for the future being better digested than any before
extant as aforesaid together with the other Books shall be distributed
and given gratis for ever for the Benefit of all sorts & Ranks of People
who shall meet together as Societies for their Spiritual Benefit & Edification
in any part or parts of Great Britain or elsewhere AND to render the
Benefit of the aforesaid fund as extensive as may be the said Edwin
Belke doth hereby direct that such Religious & good Books be placed
by Degrees in all the Cities Towns & Villages & in the Hospitals & Work houses
of this Nation which shall think fit to accept & receive the same
To the end that they may be read in fit places at convenient times for
the Benefit of all people who will give Attendance & that the County of
Kent be first supplied therewith & next the County of Sussex & then
the County of Essex and in like manner taking one County on one side
& another on the other side till every County shall be supplied And also
that the said Books be renewed from time to time & as often as there
shall be occasion AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby also
further direct that no excellent Book be withheld from such Societies
who meet together for their Spiritual good & that necessary Books &
particularly Bibles & Testaments may likewise be given to poor
people to read at home & in private and that such Books as shall
be judged proper be also sent to the East or West Indies or any other
Country or Nation whatsoever & particularly to the English settled
at Stockholm in the Kingdom of Sweden & to the Swedes in Sweden
& also to those settled in London in their own Language if judged fit
AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby further direct & appoint
that the Management of the said Charity be in the Voluntary Society for the
time being called or known by the Name of The Society for promoting
Christian Knowledge now meeting in Bartlett's Buildings Holborn (of which
Society the said Sir John Gordon John Deane William Fildard & Benjamin
Hoare are Members the said John Deane William Fildard & Benjamin
Hoare being also the present Treasurers of the said Society & the said
Henry Newman is the present Secretary thereof) and that the said Society
do direct what Books shall be bought with the produce & profits of the
said fund & where the same shall be placed or to whom the same
shall be given & that the said Trustees do follow the Directions of the
said Society therein Excepting only in every such matter or particular
as he

as he the said Edwin Belke hath thought fit herein to direct & appoint
all which Directions the said Society are hereby obliged to comply with &
faithfully to put in Practice And in case the said Society for Promoting
Christian Knowledge shall happen to be dissolved or cease to act as a Society
then & in such case the said Edwin Belke doth hereby direct & appoint
that the management of the said Charity shall be in the Rector or Minister
of Saint Andrews Holborn in the County of Middlesex the Vicar or
Minister of Saint Martin in the fields in the said County the Rector
or Minister of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of Surrey the Rector
or Minister of Saint Mary le Bow London the Vicar or Minister of Saint
Giles Cripplegate London the Rector or Minister of Saint Clement
Danes in the County of Middlesex the Rector or Minister of Saint
Botolph Bishopsgate London the Vicar or Minister of Saint Sepulchre
London & the Vicar or Minister of Saint Bridges in Fleetstreet
London & in their & in every of their Successors for the time being
& that any five of them be a Quorum for that purpose And that
they do direct & determine all matters relating to the buying & dispos-
ing of the said Books herein mentioned & other good Books in the same
manner as the said Society are herein directed & appointed & used to do
AND the said Edwin Belke doth hereby further direct & appoint that
when & so often as the Number of the said Trustees in whom the said
Trust Estate shall be vested shall be by Death reduced to three or
under then the said Estate shall by such proper Conveyances &
Assurances as by Council learned in the Law shall be advised be
from time to time conveyed to & resettled & vested in the Treasurers &
Secretary of the said Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for
the time being so long as they shall continue to meet & act as a Society
& in case they shall happen to be dissolved or cease to act Then the
said Trust Estate shall be conveyed to & settled & vested in the
Rectors & Vicars or Ministers of the said Nine Churches & to & in
their & every of their Successors for the time being on the several Trusts
herein before appointed & declared Provided always &
the said Edwin Belke doth hereby declare his Intent and meaning
to be that the said Annuity of fifteen Pounds here in before limited
to the said Catherine Bincks shall not be paid or payable to her
unless

That if she do consent and agree to forsake London for her life & to settle
in the Country & also do by writing under her hand signed
in the presence of two or more credible witnesses promise & engage
to leave all playhouses & all manner of Business Employment or
Concerns in the same within the space of Six Months next after
the Decease of the said Edwin Belke & that in case the said Catherine
Bincks refuse to make such promise or to comply with the afore-
said Conditions or shall make such promise & shall afterwards
break the same then the said Annuity of Fifteen pounds shall
from thence forth cease determine & be absolutely void any thing
herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding
But in case the said Catherine Bincks do comply with the aforesaid
Conditions then the said Edwin Belke doth hereby direct & appoint
that the said Annuity of Fifteen pounds be paid to her or to her
order for her own separate use & that her own Receipt from time
to time be a sufficient Discharge for the same It being his the said
Edwin Belke's true intent & meaning that her said Husband do
not receive the said Annuity or any part thereof or have any
Right or power any ways to intermeddle therewith And that
the said Catherine Bincks shall have no power to sell assign
transfer or dispose of the said Annuity to any other person
or persons whatsoever And in case she shall make any Assign-
ment thereof the said Annuity shall thence forth absolutely
cease & determine **Provided also** that the said Sir John
Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry
Newman their Heirs Executors & Administrators & the Trustees
of the said Estate & Charity for the time being or any of them shall
not be answerable or Accountable for any more Moneys than they
respectively shall actually receive out of the said Trust Money
and Estate or for any Loss which may happen of the same
without their willful Default And that they the said Trustees
may in the first place out of the Rents & profits of the
said Trust Estate & out of the Interest & produce of the
said Moneys & Annuities reimburse themselves all
such Costs Charges and Expences as they or any of them
shall

shall or may from time to time be necessarily put unto for or in
the Execution of the said Trusts And that they and every of them be
answerable for his & their separate Act & Deed only and not for the
Act or Deed of the other or others of them In Witness whereof
the said parties first above named have to these Present Indentures
interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the Day & Year first
above written

Edwin ^{Esq} Belke

John ^{Esq} Gonson

John ^{Esq} Denne

W^m ^{Esq} Tiltord

Benjⁿ ^{Esq} Hoare

Henry ^{Esq} Newman

Endowed thus

Sealed & delivered by the within named Edwin
Belke (each Skin being first stamped with three
Six penny Stamps) In the presence of

Clifton Maydwell

Geo. Sale

Sealed & delivered by the within named John Gonson John Denne
William Tiltord Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman (each Skin
being first stamped with three six penny Stamps) in the presence of

George Smith.

Ex. by Duncan Thompson
& John Cluff

John Norman

10th February 1737.
Deed of Trust of Mr. Edwin Belke's Charity
Enrolled in his Majesty's High Court of
Chancery the eighth Day of June in the Year
of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred &
thirty Eight being first duly stamped ac-
cording to the Tenor of the Statute made in the
sixth Year of the Reign of their late Majesties
King William & Queen Mary-----

By John Dörb: Birkhead- Esq^r

2. p. E.

This Indenture made the Tenth
Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven
hundred & thirty seven and in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our
Sovereign Lord George the Second By the Grace of God of Great Britain
France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth Between
Edwin Belke of Chilham in the County of Kent Gent. of the One
part & Sir John Gonson of the Inner Temple London Knight the
Reverend John Denne Doctor in Divinity Arch Deacon of Rochester
and Rector of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry William
Tillard of Spital Square in the Liberty of Norton-folgate in the County
of Middlesex Esquire Benjamin Hoare of Fleetstreet London Esq^r
and Henry Newman of the Middle Temple London Gent. of the
other part Whereas the said Edwin Belke hath before the
Execution of these Presents paid unto the said Sir John Gonson John
Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
the Sum of Eighty six pounds sixteen shillings which by the
Direction of the said Edwin Belke hath been by them laid out
in the purchase of Eighty pounds in the joint Stock of the
New South Sea Annuities & transferred to them the said Sir
John Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare
and Henry Newman and now stands in their joint Names
in the Books of the said New South Sea Annuity Stock,

Now

Now this Indenture Witnesseth and it is hereby
agreed by & between all the said parties to these presents that the said
eighty pounds New South Sea Annuities transferred to & vested in the
said Sir John Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin
Hoare & Henry Newman as aforesaid was so transferred to them
AND the said Edwin Belketh doth for himself his Executors & Admini:
Covenant promise & grant to and with the said Sir John Gonson
John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
their Exec.^{rs} Admini:^{rs} & Assigns that the same shall remain con:
tinue & be vested in them the said Sir John Gonson John Denne
William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman their
Exec.^{rs} & Admini:^{rs} IN TRUST to be by them applied & disposed
of to the several Uses Intents & purposes herein after mentioned
& declared AND the said Edwin Belketh doth by these presents
direct & appoint that so soon as a convenient purchase offers
the said Sir John Gonson John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman or the Survivor
or Survivors of them or the Exec.^{rs} or Admini:^{rs} of such sur:
vivor do sell the said Eighty pounds New South Sea Annui:
ty Stock & lay out & dispose of the produce thereof in the
purchase of Freehold Lands to be vested in the said Sir John
Gonson John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare &
Henry Newman or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the
Heirs & Assigns of such Survivor on the several Trusts & to
& for the several Uses Intents & purposes herein after mentioned
AND the said Sir John Gonson John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman shall apply & dispose
of the Rents & Profits of the Lands so to be purchased as
aforesaid & in the mean time & until such purchase shall
be made of the Interest Dividends & Produce of the said Eighty
Pounds New South sea Annuity Stock towards propagating
the Christian Religion in the East Indies or such other part of
the World as the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge
hereinafter

herein aforementioned or the Ministers of the Nine Parishes herein
after therein named shall direct & appoint And the said Edwin
Belke doth hereby further direct & appoint that the Manage-
ment of the said Charity be in the Voluntary Society for the time
being called or known by the Name of the Society for promoting
Christian Knowledge now meeting in Bartlett's Buildings Holborn
of which Society the said Sir John Gonson John Denne William
Tillard & Benjamin Hoare are Members & the said John Denne
William Tillard & Benjamin Hoare being also the present
Treasurers of the said Society & the said Henry Newman is the
present Secretary thereof & that the said Trustees do follow the
directions of the Society therein And in case the said Society for
promoting Christian Knowledge shall happen to be dissolved or
cease to act as a Society Then the said Edwin Belke doth
hereby direct & appoint that the Management of the
said Charity shall be in the Rector or Minister of Saint
Andrew Holborn in the County of Middx the Vicar or Minister
of Saint Martin in the fields in the said County the Rector or
Minister of St. Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry the Rector
or Minister of St. Mary le Bow London the Vicar or Minister
of St. Giles Cripple Gate the Rector or Minister of St. Clement
Danes in the County of Middx the Rector or Minister of
St. Botolph Bishopsgate London the Vicar or Minister of St.
Sepulchre London & the Vicar or Minister of St. Bridges
in Fleet Street London & in their & every of their Successors
for the time being and that any five of them be a Quorum
for that purpose & that they do direct & determine all matters
relating to the Management of this Charity in the same
manner as the Society herein directed & appointed & used to do
And the said Edwin Belke doth hereby further direct and
appoint that when & so often as the Number of the said
Trustees in whom the said Trust Estate shall be vested shall
by Death be reduced to three or under then the said Estate
shall be by such proper Conveyances & Assurances as by

Council

Council learned in the Law shall be advised from time
to time conveyed to & resettled & vested in the Treasurers & donors
of the said Society for promoting Christian Knowledge for the
time being so long as they shall continue to meet & act as a Society
And in case they shall happen to be dissolved or cease to act then
the said Trust Estate shall be conveyed to & settled & vested in the
Rectors & Vicars or Ministers of the said Nine Churches & to in
every of their Successors for the time being on the several Trusts
herein before appointed & declared And it is hereby further
agreed by & between all the said parties to these presents & the said
Edwin Belke doth hereby declare his Intention & meaning to be
that besides Books already printed materials from time to time as
occasion shall require may be made & prepared for composing &
printing of New & other Books in any Language in the East Indies
or other parts of the World in order to be distributed towards
Propagating the Christian Religion & the Execution of the Trust
herein before mentioned & also towards making more effectual
another Charity of One Thousand & fifty pounds & also ten Acres
of Land pursuant to an Indenture of the twenty eighth of October
One thousand seven hundred & thirty four made between the said
Edwin Belke of the one part & the said Sir John Gonson Dr.
John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
of the other part in such manner as the said Society for promoting
Christian Knowledge or the ministers of the said Nine Churches
(in case of the Dissolution of the said Society) shall direct & appoint
Provided always that the said Sir John Gonson John
Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
their Heirs Executors & Administrators & the Trustees of the
said Estate & Charity for the time being nor any of them
shall not be answerable or accountable for any more money
than they respectively shall actually receive out of the said
Trust money & Estate or for any Loss which may happen
of the same without their wilful Default & that they the
said

Said Trust money in the first place out of the Rents & profits of the said Trust Estate when purchased or out of the Interest and produce of the said Eighty pounds New South Sea Annuities Reimburse themselves all such Costs Charges & Expences as they or any of them shall or may from time to time be necessarily put unto for or in the Execution of the said Trusts & that they & every of them be answerable for his & their separate Act & Deed only and not for the act & Deed of the other or others of them In Witness Whereof the said parties have to these present Indentures set their hands & Seals the Day & Year first above-written

Edwin *L. S.* Belke

John *L. S.* Gonson

John *L. S.* Denme

W^m *L. S.* Tillard

Benjⁿ *L. S.* Hoare

Henry *L. S.* Newman

Ex. by John Cluff &
Dun: Thompson

Witnessed by the said Henry Newman first
on June 1798 before E. Sawyer

Mr Edwin Belke's Will
and Codicil the former dated 13. March 1734.
the latter 10. February 1737.

Proved at the prerogative Office 13. March 1740.

In the Name of God Amen

I Edwin Belke a Native of Chilham in the County of Kent
being in health of Body & of Sound & disposing Mind & Memory do make
and declare this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form.
Following First and principally I commend my Soul into the
hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits and
Intercession of Jesus Christ my Lord & Saviour to obtain ever-
:lasting life my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently inter-
:red at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named And as
touching such worldly Estate as I shall dye possessed of intitled to I
will & dispose thereof in the manner herein after mentioned
First I do hereby ratify & confirm the Conveyance & Charitable Dis-
:position which I have made of my Ten Acres (more or less) of Fresh
Marsh Land in the Parish of Newchurch in Hamney Marsh in
the County of Kent bounding & abutting to the Kings Highway lead-
ing from Gammon's Farm to Newchurch & to a piece of Land called
Broadwater by Indentures of Lease & Release bearing Date respectively
the five & twentieth & six & twentieth days of October last & made
or mentioned to be made between me the said Edwin Belke of the
one part and Sir John Gonsale of the Inner Temple London Knight
the Reverend John Denne Doctor in Divinity Archdeacon of Rochester
& Rector of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of Surrey William
Tillard of Spital Square in the Liberty of Norton Folgate in the
County of Middx Esquire Benjamin Hoare of Fleetstreet London
Esquire & Henry Newman of the Middle Temple London Gent.
of the other part And also the Charitable Disposition of One
thousand & fifty pounds South Sea Annuities transferred by
me to the said Sir John Gonsale John Denne William Tillard
Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman which said Land

Said Trusts may in the first place out of the Rents & profits of
the said Trust Estate when purchased or out of the Interest and
produce of the said Eighty pounds New South Sea Annuities Reimburse
themselves all such Costs Charges & Expences as they or any of
them shall or may from time to time be necessarily put unto
for or in the Execution of the said Trusts & that they & every
of them be answerable for his & their separate Act & Deed only
and not for the Act & Deed of the other or others of them In
Witness Whereof the said parties have to these present
Indentures set their hands & Seals the Day & Year first above-
written

Edwin L. Belke

John L. Gonsou

John L. Denne

W^m L. S. Tillard

Benjⁿ L. S. Hoare

Henry L. S. Newman

Attest by John Cluff &
Dun: Thompson

Attest by the said Henry Newman first
of June 1798 before E. J. J. J. J.

Mr Edward Belk's Will
and Codicil the former Dated 13. March 1734.
the latter 10. February 1737.

Proved at the Prerogative Office 13. March 1740.

Lease from Henry Hoare Esq^r one of the Treasurers of the
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge & the Rev. Thomas
Broughton Secy to the said Socy surviving Trustees of Devin
Belke Gent deced to Thomas Andrews Grasier of Howley
in Romney Marsh. Knts of the Lands in the Romney Marsh
now or late in the Occupation of his Father Benjamin
Andrews for 14 years ^{from March last} at £10 p^r Ann: clear of all Taxes
& Deductions whatever, except when the Bill of Scotth
shall exceed the 6 p^r Acre, in which Case the Trust are
th to pay the Overplus.

Ap^r 1774.

monies & profits of the South Sea Annuities transferred by
me to the said Sir John Conson John Deane William Tizard
Benjamin Hoare and Henry Newman which said Land

One

One hundred & fifty South Sea Annuities were so by me con-
veyed & transferred respectively Upon the Trust and to & for the
several uses Intents & purposes particularly mentioned & declared
in & by one other Indenture bearing Date the Eight & twentieth
Day of the said Month of October last & made or mentioned to
be made likewise between me the said Edwin Belke of the one
part and the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Fildard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman of the other part (that is to
say) In Trust that so soon as a convenient purchase offers
they the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Fildard Benjamin
Hoare & Henry Newman or the Survivors or Survivor of them
or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do sell
the said South Sea Annuities & lay out and dispose of the pro-
duce thereof and also the Money arising by the sale of the said
Ten Acres of Fresh Marsh Land in case they shall think fit to
sell the same in the purchase of free hold Lands to be vested in
the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Fildard Benjamin
Hoare & Henry Newman or the Survivors or Survivor of them
or the Heirs & Assigns of such Survivor On the several
Trusts and to & for the several Intents & purposes in the said
Indenture & herein after mentioned & that the said Sir John
Gonsen John Denne William Fildard Benjamin Hoare & Henry
Newman & the Survivors & Survivor of them and the Heirs
Executors Administrators or Assigns of such Survivor do & shall out
of the Rents & Profits of the Lands so to be purchased & in the mean
time & untill such purchase be made out of the Rents & profits of the
said Fresh Marsh Land untill the same be sold & after the same shall
be sold out of the Interest of the money arising by sale thereof & also
out of the produce of the said South Sea Annuities & the Interest
thereof in the first place pay unto me the said Edwin Belke or my
Assigns One tenancy or yearly Sum of forty pounds of Lawfull
Money of Great Britain for & during the Term of my Natural
Life clear of all Taxes & Deductions whatsoever by equall
quarterly payments the first payment thereof to begin & be
made on Saint Thomas's Day being the One & twentieth Day of
December next ensuing the Date of the said Indenture and
from

from & after the Decease of me the said Edwin Walker pay unto the
nine Bincher wife of Andrew Bincher of the parish of Saint Giles
in the fields in the County of Middlesex Com. One Annuity or yearly
Sum of fifteen pounds of like lawfull money for & During the Term
of her natural life clear of all Taxes & Deductions whatsoever by
equall quarterly payments Subject nevertheless to the provisos &
Conditions in the said Indenture contained And on this further Trusts
that they the said Sir John Gonsen John Denne William Fildard
Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman and the Survivors & Surviving
of them & their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns of such Survivor
during the Continuance of the said severall Annuities & after the pay-
ment thereof do and shall lay out apply & dispose of the remainders
of the Rents and profits of the Lands so to be purchased as aforesaid
And in the mean time & untill such purchase be made of the Rents
& profits of the said Fresh Marsh Land untill the same shall be
sold and after the same shall be sold of the Interest of the money
arising by such sale & also of the produce of the said South Sea
Annuities and the Interest thereof & after the said Annuities
shall cease of the whole Rents profits Interest & produce aforesaid
in the buying of Bibles or Testaments & other Religious & good
Books in any Language written in a plain & easy stile and
particularly Bishop Gastrell's Christian Institutes untill such time
as that some other Book or Books of the same kind & written in the
same or a better Method digested under proper heads in words
of the holy Scriptures shall be published which shall be
approved of by a majority of the Managers of this Charity
in the said Indenture appointed & by them judged better adapted
for spiritual Instruction & Edification which said Book or books
for the future being better digested than any before extant
as aforesaid together with the other Books shall be distributed
& given gratis for ever for the Benefit of all sorts & ranks
of people who shall meet together as Societies for their
Spiritual Benefit & Edification in any part or parts of Great
Britain

Britain or else where and to render the Benefit of the aforesaid fund as extensive as may be I the said Edward Bathurst have in and by the said Indenture directed that such Religious & Good Books be placed by Degrees in all the Cities Towns & Villages & in the Hospitals and Workhouses of this Nation which shall think fit to accept & receive the same to the end that they may be read in fit places at convenient times for the Benefit of all people who will give Attendance & that the County of Kent be first supply'd therewith and next the County of Sussex & then the County of Essex and in like manner taking one County on one Side and another on the other Side till every County shall be supply'd & also that the said Books be renewed from time to time and as often as there shall be occasion and I have thereby also further directed that no excellent Book be withheld from such Societies who meet together for their spiritual good & that necessary Books & particularly Bibles & Testaments may likewise be given to poor people to read at home & in private & that such Books as shall be judged proper be also sent to the East or West Indies or any other Country or Nation whatsoever and particularly to the English Settled at Stockholm in the Kingdom of Sweden & to the Swedes in Sweden and also those settled in London in their own Language if judged fit And I have thereby further directed that the Management of the said Charity be in the Voluntary Society for the time being commonly called or known by the Name of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge now meeting in Bartlett's Buildings Holborn (of which Society the said Sir John Gonson John Donne William Tillerd & Benjamin Hoare are Members the said John Donne William Tillerd & Benjamin Hoare being also the present Treasurers of the said Society & the said Henry Newman is the present Secretary thereof) & that the said Society do direct what Books shall be bought with the produce & profits of the said fund & where the same shall be placed or to whom the same shall be given & that the Trustees do follow the Directions of the said Society therein excepting only

only in every such matter or particular as I have thought fit in the
said Indenture to direct & appoint all which Directions the said
Society are thereby obliged to comply with & faithfully to put in practice
And in case the said Society for promoting Christian Knowledge shall
happen to be dissolved or cease to act as a Society then & in such
case I have by the said Indenture directed & appointed that the
management of the said Charity shall be in the Rector or Minister
of Saint Andrew Holborn in the County of Middlesex the Vicar or
Minister of Saint Martin in the fields in the said County the
Rector or Minister of Saint Mary Lambeth in the County of
Surry the Rector or Minister of Saint Mary le Bow London
the Vicar or Minister of Saint Giles Crisplegate London the Rector
or Minister of Saint Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex the
Rector or Minister of Saint Bololph Bishop-gate London the
Vicar or Minister of Saint Sepulchre London & the Vicar or Minister
of Saint Brides in Fleetstreet London & in their recovery of their
Successors for the time being And that any five of them be a Quorum
for that purpose and that they do direct & determine all Matters relating
to the buying & disposing the said Books in same manner as the
said Society used to do In which said Indenture of the eight and twen-
tieth of October last are likewise contained divers other Directions
clauses & provisions for the better management & perpetuating of
the said Charity as in and by the said Indenture may more fully
appear All which Trusts Directions clauses provisions & other matters
& things in the said Indenture contained I do hereby ratify & confirm
And as for and concerning all & every such Estate Real or person-
al which I shall dye seized or possessed of or intitled unto & particularly
such Real & personal Estate as I am intitled unto by the Death of
my Cousin Frances Toke late of Maidstone in the County of Kent
Spinster deceased to whom I am Heir at Law (after payment of my just
Debts & Funeral Charges) I give devise & bequeath the same & every
part thereof to the said Sir John Ganson John Denne William
Pilkard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman & to their
Heirs

Heirs and Assigns to be by them disposed of & applied to the same
Charitable Intents & purposes of a perpetual fund for the buying
& distributing of good & Religious Books as are herein before mentioned
and contained in the said last mentioned Deed or Indenture & for the
increase of the said fund & to and for no other use or purpose what-
soever And I do hereby subject my said Estate Real & personal
hereby devised & bequeathed to all & every the same Regulations dom-
inions limitations & provisos as are contained in the said Deed And
I do hereby make ordain & appoint the said Sir John Gordon
John Denae William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking
all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made & Declaring
this present Testament to be my only true & last Will In
Witness whereof I the said Edwin Belke the Testator have
hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth Day of March in
the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second
by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King
Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred & thirty four Edwin Belke (L.S.)

Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Edwin
Belke the Testator to be his Last Will & Testament in the
presence of us who have severally subscribed our Names as
witnesses hereto at the request & in the presence of the said
Testator John Abbott. Jonathan Belcher. Charles King.

I do by this Codicill give and devise the sum of Eighty
Pounds New South Sea Annuities which now is or soon will be in
the hands of William Tillard Esqr. to be applied towards propagat-
ing the Christian Religion in the East Indies or other parts of
the World as the Voluntary Society called the Society for promoting
Christian

Christian Knowledge meeting in Bartlett's Buildings Holborn and
in case of their dissolution the Nine Rectors Vicars or Ministers
mentioned in the Will above & to whom referred to beneath shall
direct & I appoint the said eighty pounds to remain or be laid out
in some other publick fund till a fit opportunity offers to invest
it in a free hold Estate in Land Together with another Charity of
One thousand & fifty pounds South Sea Annuities to be disposed
of in the same manner & by the same Trustees by an Indenture
of the twenty eight Day of October One thousand Seven hundred
thirty and four made Between myself of the one part Sir John
Gynson D^r John Denne the said William Tiller & Benjamin Moore
Esq^r & Henry Newman Gentleman of the other part In witness
whereof I have wrote this with my own hand & signed the same on
the tenth day of February One thousand seven hundred & thirty
seven Edwin Belke (E.S.) Signed and sealed by the said Edwin
Belke the words new South Sea annuities in the first line the
words or the will above and to appoint remain or other in the
third line being first interlined in the presence of John Abbott
W. Clagett Petr Norman.

Examined with the Original Will
and Codicil by
Me Julius Caesar Proctor.

John By Divine Providence Arch Bishop of Canterbury
Primate of all England and Metropolitan do by these presents make
known unto all Men that on the thirteenth Day of May in the Year of
our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & forty at London before the Worshipful
Full Robert Chapman Doctor of Laws Sunsgate of the Right worshippful
John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Remembrancer of our
prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the last will and
Testament

Testament of Edwin Belle late of Highgate in the parish of St Mary
in the County of Middlesex deceased with a will therunto annexed was
proved approved & registered the said deceased having whilst living and at
the time of his Death Goods Chattels or Credits in divers Dioceses or Juris-
dictions by name whereof the proving & registering the said Will & the
granting Administration of all & singular the said Goods Chattels & Credits
and also the Auditing allowing & final discharging the Account thereof
are well known to appertain only & wholly to us & not to any Inferior
Judge & that Administration of all & singular the Goods Chattels and
Credits of the said deceased & any way concerning his Will was granted
to Sir John Gentles Knt John Duns Doctor of Divinity William Fildard
Esqr & Henry Newman Gent. four of the Executors named in the said Will
being first sworn well & faithfully to administer the same & to make
a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the said Goods Chattels and
Credits & to exhibit the same into the Registry of our prerogative Court
of Canterbury on or before the last Day of November next ensuing &
also to render a just and true Account thereof reserving power to make
the like grant to Benjamin Hoore the other Executor named in the
said Will when he prays the same Given at the time & place above
written & in the fourth Year of our Translation

Edw. Gentles
Duns: Thomson

Wm Legard
Pet. St. Elroy
Hen. Stevens } Deputy Registers

M^{rs} Catharine Binch's
Deed for complying with the Conditions
mentioned in M^r Edwin Belke's Deed of
Trust & also his Will, to enable her to
receive the Annuity of 15^l p. Ann.
bequeathed by him.

Dated 23. May. 1740.

Whereas by one Indenture bearing date the twenty eighth
day of October one thousand seven hundred & thirty four & made or ment
to be made between Edwin Belke of Chilham in the County of Kent Esq^r
of the one part & Sir John Gonson of the Inner Temple London Knight
the Rev^d John Denne Doctor in Divinity Arch Deacon of Rochester
& Rector of St. Mary Lambeth in the County of Surry William
Tillard of Spital Square in the Liberty of Norton Folgate in the County
of Middlessex Esquire Benjamin Hoare of Fleetstreet London Esquire
and Henry Newman of the Middle Temple London Gent^l of the other
part The said Edwin Belke (mongst other things) did out of the profits
of certain lands therein mentioned Or out of the produce of certain
South Sea Annuities therein also mentioned & vested in Trust in them
the said Sir John Gonson Dr. John Denne William Tillard Benjamin
Hoare & Henry Newman direct & appoint the said Sir John Gonson
Dr. John Denne William Tillard Benjamin Hoare & Henry Newman
after the decease of him the said Edwin Belke to pay to Catharine
Binch's wife of Andrew Binch's of the parish of St. Giles in the fields in
the County of Middlessex Gent^l one Annuity or yearly Sum of fifteen
pounds of lawful money for & during the Term of her Natural life
clear of all Taxes & Deductions whatsoever by equal quarterly
payments Subject Nevertheless to the proviso & condition fol-
lowing to wit, that the said Annuity of fifteen pounds therein before limited
to the said Catharine Binch's shall not be paid or payable to her unless she con-
sent & agree to forsake London for her life & to settle & dwell in the
Country & also do by writing under hand signed in the presence of two or
more credible witnesses promise & engage to leave all playhouses
& all manner of Business Employment or Concerns in the same
within the space of Six Months next after the decease of the said

Edwin

Edwin Belke & that in case the said Catherine Binckes refuse to make
such promise or to comply with the afore said Conditions or shall make
such promise & shall afterwards break the same Then the said Annuity
of fifteen pounds shall cease & determine & be absolutely void but in
case the said Catherine Binckes do comply with the afore said Conditions
then the said Annuity is directed & appointed by the said Edwin Belke
to be paid to her or her order for her own separate use & her own Receipt
shall from time to time be a sufficient Discharge for the same It being
the said Edwin Belke's true intent and meaning that her said Husband do
not receive the said Annuity or any part thereof have any right or
power any ways to intermeddle therewith & that the said Catherine Binckes
shall have no power to sell assign transfer or dispose of the said
Annuity to any person or persons whatsoever & in case she shall
make any Assignment thereof the said Annuity shall thence forth abso-
lutely cease and determine as in and by the said recited Indenture
relation being there unto had may more fully & at large appear

And Whereas the said Edwin Belke did by his last Will and
Testament bearing date the thirteenth day of March one thousand
seven hundred & thirty and four ratify and confirm the said recited
Indenture and also the said Annuity of fifteen pounds to the said
Catherine Binckes but subject nevertheless to the very same proviso &
Conditions as are above mentioned & the said Edwin Belke appointed
the said Sir John Genson Doctor John Donne William Tilkord
Benjamin Moore & Henry Newman joint Executors of his said Will
four of whom to wit Sir John Genson Doctor John Donne William
Tilkord & Henry Newman have proved the said Will in the prerogative
Court of Canterbury & taken upon themselves the execution thereof

Now Witness these presents that the said Catherine
Binckes doth accept of the said Annuity under the conditions mentioned
in the said recited Indenture and the said Edwin Belke's Will &
doth hereby consent promise & agree to forsake London for her
life & to settle and dwell in the country and also she the
said Catherine Binckes hereby promises & engages to leave all play-
houses and all manner of Business Employment or concerns
in the same according to the Will and desire of the said

Edwin

Edwina Belke which she is willing to comply with in all things
and the said Catherine Bincks further promises that she will not
at any time hereafter sell assign transfer or dispose of the said
Annuity of fifteen pounds or any part thereof to any person or persons
whatsoever and if she makes any such assignment she is contented
to forfeit and lose the same In Witness whereof the said
Catherine Bincks hath hereunto set her hand & seal the twenty third
day of May One thousand seven hundred & forty.

Catherine (L.S.) Bincks

Endorsed thus.

Signed sealed & delivered by the within named Catherine
Bincks (being first stampd) in the presence of us underwritten
the words (one thousand seven hundred & thirty and four)
in the thirteenth line from the Bottom being first interlined.

Ex^d by John Cluff &
Dum. Thomson

Mary Thorne
Jonathan Belcher